

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on September 12, 2012 at the Kyrene Family Resource Center, 1330 East Dava Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85283.

Chair Duane welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:34 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Maureen Duane, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Trinity Donovan, Karen Emery, Mara de Luca Funke, Beth Haas, Zita Johnson, Frank Narducci, and Tina Wilson

Members Absent:

Lyra Contreras and Kathy Halter

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2012

A motion was made by Council Member Emery to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Wilson. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (Council members Dillon, Haas and Narducci were not yet present).

Call to the Public

- Jeanette Manley with Smart Support (Southwest Human Development) gave an update on the program, explaining that they have a waiting list for their services.

Let the record reflect that Council Members Donovan and Haas arrived at the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

- Lynette Stonefeld with Thrive to Five welcomed everyone to the Kyrene Family Resource Center, described their services and informed everyone that a Tempe Community Baby and Young Child Fair will be held on November 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – noon at the Westside Multigenerational Center, 817 West Fifth Street in Tempe.

Regional Council Survey Results

Regional Director Floth discussed the results with the Council members and the public and also solicited ideas on how to better engage the community. The following comments were made:

- Part of the difficulty in getting participation is due to the busy schedules of parents with young children.
- There has also been difficulty in getting participation from other regions at events.
- Having copies of communications materials available on the website so that providers could print out information for parents at any time would be very helpful.
- Target not just the vulnerable population but also target those of moderate income.

Regional Director Floth asked Council Members to let Community Outreach Coordinator Conrad Lindo know if they have any specific ideas.

Let the record reflect that Council Member Narducci arrived at the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Regional Director Floth reported that a request on the surveys was for more Chair/Vice Chair meetings; and as a result, these will be held quarterly, with the first one being held the first week of October. Regional Director Floth asked for suggestions on topics for the meetings. The following suggestions were given:

- Ideas on how to get the community involved
- Having more cross-regional awareness groups as an opportunity to get more consistent comments across the regions

SY 2011/12 Year End Data/Narrative Reports

Regional Director Floth explained the data and narrative reports and asked the Council members if they had any questions. Questions were asked about Tempe Community Action Agency numbers served, and Regional Director Floth will find out answers for the Council on that item.

Let the record reflect that Council Member Bueno left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

Professional Development Workgroup Recap

Chair Duane stated that she is a member of the group with members from across the state and that they are developing a two-year plan to present to the First Things First Board in January, 2013. There are three sub-groups studying progression of degrees and credentials, updating competency frameworks, and a professional registry website for early childhood development.

Regional Director Floth referred to the attachment on professional development for Arizona teachers. Council Member Narducci informed everyone about the new common core standards, and discussion took place about its impact on early childhood programs and teachers.

Communications Report

Community Outreach Coordinator Conrad Lindo presented an update of community outreach activities. He has been contacted by a Korean doctor who has been through the speakers' bureau training, lives in Chandler, and has made a point of finding out what programs are available in the Central Maricopa area. The doctor will be meeting with grantees in the area and dispensing that information through Korean newspapers. Mr. Lindo also stated that there are many cross-regional activities where he makes information/Central Maricopa guides available for the public members who attend those events. Mr. Lindo stated that he had looked into the Facebook question re: Central Maricopa having its own page. He stated that he has discussed the issue with the central office, and the possibility of a vanity page for Central Maricopa will be researched and hopefully developed soon.

Director's Report and Council Updates

- Chair Duane stated that Third Annual Breastfeeding Research Symposium will be held on October 19th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. She provided flyers for everyone in attendance.
- Council Member Haas attended the webinar on evaluation and as a former grantee, was very impressed with the plan and stated that children who start with Quality First Centers will be able to be tracked throughout their entire educational years through high school.

- Council Member Donovan stated that the Chandler Community Care Center has been adopted by the Chandler Leadership class this year and they will be putting in a Born Learning trail and exercise stations on the outside of the building for families and will be painting the community room. She stated that construction is continuing, and an open house will be held once it is completed in November or December.
- Regional Director Floth asked Council members to let her know if they had any questions about the contract detail reports.
- Regional Director Floth explained the status of the family resource center collaboration group.
- Regional Director Floth asked the Council members to look through the benchmarks which will be approved by the First Things First Board and to think of input as to regional benchmarks, which will ultimately be tied to the amount of discretionary funding.
- Council Member Donovan stated that she attended a church in Prescott the previous weekend, which had an announcement that a representative from First Things First would be speaking at the women's group at that church.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be held on October 10, 2012 at the Chandler Care Center, 777 East Galveston Street, Chandler, Arizona 85225.

Adjournment

Chair Duane asked for any additional questions, or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By _____
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Approved By _____
Maureen Duane, Chair